

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten version:

A1 -- An object of the present invention is to improve the ~~the~~ appearance of paint-coated components. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 22 with the following rewritten version:

A2 -- Further, because the film thickness of the metal film layer 13 is made thin enough to be semitransparent, ground coating ~~coat~~ 12 is not wholly masked. Therefore, the colors in the ground coating 12 show under the light reflected by the ground coating 12. Also, at the same time, the light reflected by the metal film layer 13 yields a metallic mirrored surface. Therefore, variously colored patterns are brought out, and meanwhile the metallic mirrored surface is also shown, which improves the design. --